

**Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
October 10-26th, 2020 7:00pm**

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Farwell, and Irwin. Also, in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs, Clare County Commissioner Dale Majewski

Agenda: The meeting agenda for October 26th, 2020 was approved with a motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes September 28th, 2020. Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin. Motion carried.

Clerks report. Fund balance report for October 2020 was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried. We received our Ballots and have sent 464 out so far and received 372 back.

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve was made by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: 1 tree down; 19 medical; 1 PI (car accident); 1 Misc fire; for 22 in October. 261 YTD. Have an application from Shane Henry. Medical Trainer.

County Commissioner, Dale Majewski: County approved the purchase of a Van for Senior Services. Jack Kleinhart resigned as Commission Chair and Samatha Pitchford was elected new chair. Dale Majewski was elected as Vice Chair. The County Clerk office will now be charging \$5.00 to notarize documents.

Friends of Garfield Township, Barb Lijewski: The door at the Depot is gone, to be replaced by a window. The Depot area will be decorated for on November 14th at 11:00am. Volunteers are needed. Holiday lights will be donated by some citizens.

Supervisor Notes, David Byl: **a)** The WIFI Hot Spot is running and being used. Would like to add access points towards the pavilion and towards the Trail Head. We still have \$300.00 from the grant and another \$80.00 months payment from Keith Keeler. **b)** Tax Tribunal ruled in favor of the objectors of the SAD. We need to file and display the Tax Roll for public viewing, and then certify the roll within 30 days. **c)** Another Tax Tribunal ruling was in favor of Tocco. Appraisals went from \$39,000 down to \$25,000 and the second property from \$20,000 down to \$12,500. **d)** John McLane, Surveyor, surveyed the property at 722 Hillcrest, which encroaches 6' on our park property and the rest of the park may be surveyed for \$345.00 to establish all property lines. **e)** The John Deere sold for \$19,500 and a check has been received.

Public Comment: KEITH KEELER, Complimented the township for improvements of a Pizza Drive Thru, the WIFI Hot Spot for student access and the building renovation by Ebaugh's next to Lake Side. Great for the community.

There will be signage on the Depot advertising the Hot Spot. School days and hours are fluctuating daily, so families need to know this WIFI is available for their use.

Old Business: Bid from Pawloski, to rebuild/replace the entrance deck into the township office. Material at \$2,695 and labor at \$2,055, total of \$4,700. Quote does not include supports or joists, if needed. The board recommended the supports and joists be replaced at this time to eliminate problems in the future. A motion to increase the material cost up to \$3,500 and labor costs up to \$2,800, total not to exceed \$6,300 was made by Irwin, supported by Farwell. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: a) A pole building is requested at the transfer station. Quote from Pioneer Pole Building, Inc for a 20'x 40 x10' building for \$12,500. It was stated that if we would get the 11% upgrade to a 20' x40'x 14', it would allow storage of the excavator. The upgrade was approved and a motion to amend the 2020-2021 Budget line item 101-265-974.000 by \$17,000 was made by Irwin, seconded by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes; Farwell-yes; Yarhouse-yes; Roland-yes; Byl-yes. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Pioneer quote for the 20'x40'x14', dark green building made by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes; Yarhouse-yes; Roland-yes; Byl-yes; Farwell-yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Isabella Bank approval. Yarhouse made the motion to approve Isabella Bank for on-line banking, supported by Farwell. All ayes, Motion carried.

Bills: A motion to approve bill payment of \$60,115.94 made by Farwell, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, Motion carried. Two new statements added for CIB, Community Image Builders for a total of, \$8,063.50, to be reimbursed entirely by the USDA Grant, made by Farwell, Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to pay Pioneer Pole Builders \$2,500 deposit and \$8,000 on delivery of the pole barn and the balance due upon completion made by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin, All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Farwell, Seconded by Yarhouse, All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Supervisor, David Byl

Clerk, Joan Farwell